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Community Forum to Discuss Progress of Downtown Parking Study

Residents and business owners invited to July 18 forum, also encouraged to provide feedback online

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside is holding a second community forum on Monday (7/18) to gather feedback on the future of parking in the downtown area from residents, business owners and others who live, work, and shop or do business in downtown Riverside.

“Parking is always an important issue in the downtown area, and there is a wide variety of opinions on how our parking resources should be managed,” said City Councilman Mike Gardner, who represents Ward 1, which includes downtown. “This forum will provide everyone with a stake in downtown Riverside with an opportunity to weigh in.”

The forum, scheduled for Monday, July 18 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center (Ballroom A), will give attendees an opportunity to learn more about the parking study underway downtown and provide feedback on the initial findings. The meeting also will include a report on the results of a recent survey held since the initial community forum on June 20.

The City is gathering input through a series of poll questions that are posted at www.EngageRiverside.com. Poll questions are being posted every Monday up to and including on July 18.

A consultant hired by the City will be at the forum and will use input from the public to help shape a recommendation for future action.

“Downtown Riverside is a gathering spot for people from all over the city, and from the surrounding region,” Mayor Pro Tem Andy Melendrez said. “This forum will provide us with helpful feedback from people utilizing the downtown on a daily basis, which will inform our decision-making going forward.”